



## RECORD OF DECISIONS FROM August 2, 2002 MEETING

### ACTION ITEMS

1. **Approve the motion from the April 12, 2002 BCCP Coordinating Committee meeting that the Manager of the City of Austin Wildland Conservation Division serves as the BCCP Coordinating Committee Secretary**

The motion was approved on a 2-0 vote.

2. **Direct the BCCP Coordinating Committee Secretary to initiate a process for a BCP staff recommendation for the reorganization of the BCCP Advisory Committees**

The Coordinating Committee voted 2-0 to establish a sub-committee, under the direction of the BCCP Coordinating Committee Secretary, for the purpose of developing a BCP staff recommendation for the reorganization of the BCCP Advisory Committees.

3. **Approve Record of Decisions from April 12, 2002 meeting.**

The Record of Decisions from the April 12, 2002 meeting was approved on a 2-0 vote.

### CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

**Mary Ruth Holder**, member City of Austin Parks Board speaking as a private citizen – Ms. Holder presented an outline of activities and the current status of efforts of the Friends of Streptanthus a group working for the protection of the Bracted twistflower (*Streptanthus bracteates*). Ms. Holder described the plant, its distribution, including its occurrence on City-owned BCP land, its natural history, and threats to its continued existence. Ms. Holder explained that the Friends of Streptanthus is composed of members from City, County, and LCRA BCP, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Southwest Texas State University, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, The Nature Conservancy, and interested private citizens. The group is developing a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to formalized and coordinate the protection efforts for the species. Ms. Holder stated that the MOA tracts to some extent the management strategy of the BCP Land Management Plan. A second important item of the MOA is addressing the Partners of the US Fish and Wildlife Program. Ms. Explained that this program can provide funding for physical needs, such as fencing for deer exclusion around the known populations of the plant. Ms. Holder defined the two main threats to the plant as development and the white-tailed deer. Ms. Holder described the groups efforts in attracting and training volunteers from the Native Plant Society, the Master Naturalist Program, and Travis Audubon Society to assist in the efforts of protecting, marinating and enhancing this plant species. Ms. Holder also described ongoing genetic and seed-banking studies by members of the group.